

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is filed responsive to the Office Action dated 22 May 2008. In the Office Action, Claims 1-38 were allowed, Claims 39, 40, 45-48, and 51 were rejected, and Claims 41-44, 49, 50, and 52 were objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's attention to this application and the positive treatment of Claims 1-38, 41-44, 49, 50, and 52. Applicant has elected to amend independent Claims 39 and 47 to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 41 and 49, respectively. Each of Claims 41 and 49 were previously indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the underlying claims, which was done through incorporation of the claims into the respective independent claims. In light of this amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection in the Office Action is moot. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 1-40, 42-48, and 50-52 are in condition for allowance.

In this Amendment and Response, Applicant has addressed each and all of the issues raised in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that each of the rejections has been rendered moot by the foregoing amendments. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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